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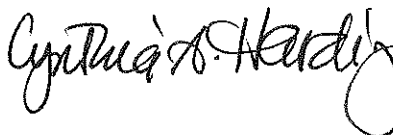
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May 1, 2013

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A THREE MONTH NO-COST EXTENSION OF A GENERAL CONTRACT AGREEMENT FROM THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL EPIDEMIOLOGISTS FOR THE INFLUENZA INCIDENCE SURVEILLANCE PROJECT**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on September 7, 2010, to accept future Influenza Incidence Surveillance Project (IISP) awards from the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) through May 31, 2016, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office (CEO), and notification to your Board.

Under this authority, I will accept a no-cost extension of the General Contract Agreement (GCA), issued on April 8, 2013, to reflect a three-month extension of the budget and project periods from June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013 to June 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013.

The GCA supports the Department of Public Health's (DPH) ability to determine and report in real time the locality-specific weekly incidence of influenza-like illness and laboratory confirmed influenza among persons seeking medical care for acute respiratory infections. Tracking the incidence of influenza allows DPH to: conduct disease burden comparisons; determine if increases in cases are beyond the usual seasonal activity; and improve measures of influenza monitoring specificity. The IISP also tests protocols to respond to the needs for increased surveillance during a pandemic, such as timely test result confirmation.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the no-cost extension of the GCA as to use. County Counsel and the CEO have reviewed and approved this delegated authority action.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
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